S. No.	Survey No.	Date of expiry of the lease term	Remarks
8.	529/1	30.09.1988	of the legal heirs.
9.	529/2	30.09.1988	
10.	5240	14.07.1990	
11.	5241	30.09.2003	
12.	5245	09.06.2022	
13.	5246	13.11.1992	
14.	5244	24.05.1974	Resumed on 30.03.1984

Action or reported link of Naval Officers with foreign arms dealers

798. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while reports about links of some high ranking Naval Officers with some foreign arms dealers and enjoying them hospitality brought to the notice of Ministry of Defence in 1997-98 were ignored, similar reports regarding some junior rank officers were taken cognisance of and proceeded against;

(b) whether such former officers have been given promotions, while those who brought home such complicity with foreign arms dealers were dismissed; and

(c) whether Government have since instituted any inquiry into these affairs?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) A Vice Admiral had submitted statutory representations through normal service channels for redressal of his grievances, inter alia, for expunction of certain adverse remarks recorded by the former Chief of the Naval Staff in two of his ACRs. The officer thereafter filed a Writ Petition before the Calcutta High Court. The High Court directed that the Central Government through the Ministry of Defence shall look into the entire matter.

On the directions of the Court, the Ministry of Defence considered the representations of the officer after obtaining detailed comments from the Naval HQrs. In one of the ACRs, it ha been observed that the officer, on a private visit abroad, had stayed with and accepted the hospitality of a retired Naval Officer who was stated to be an agent. The officer, in his explanation, had clarified that the retired Naval Officer with who he had stayed was his childhood friend and coursemate, that they were brought up together and have been friends as well as family friends for many years and the entire Navy was aware of it. The officer further explained that he had kept the Naval Attache, Moscow, informed that he was staying with the ex-officer and that he would not have done so if there had been any design on his part. After taking into account all aspects of the case, the adverse remarks endorsed by the former Chief of the Naval Staff were expunged by the Government on 12.8.1998.

Several anonymous complaints were received against a Rear Admiral, when the promotion case of the officer was under consideration in the Ministry of Defence. Since the allegations were specific, the Naval HQrs were requested to furnish their comments. Naval HQrs instead of furnishing their comments maintained that anonymous complaints need not be enquired into and reiterated that officer's case for promotion be

processed expeditiously. After several references had been made to the NHQ by the Ministry of Defence, the NHQ reported that they had found the allegations to be without basis and that the matter had been decided to be closed. Since NHQ were not forthcoming to even furnish a copy of their internal enquiry report, the Ministry of Defence referred the matter to the CBI for enquiry. The enquiry by the CBI is still continuing.

No promotions have been given to officers against whom any charge has been established.

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद में ख़ामियां

799. **प्रो.रामगोपाल यादव**:

श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार एशिया डिफेंस न्यूज इंटरनेशनल की विज्ञप्ति में " राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद में कई गंभीर खामियां" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित पूर्व लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल बी.के.सूद के विचार से अवगत हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद में व्याप्त गंभीर ख़ामियों के लिए कौन-कौन व्यक्ति/प्राधिकार जिम्मेदार हैं;और

(ग) परिषद की खामियों को दूर कर उसे चुस्त बनाने एंव दोषी अधिकारियों के विरूद्व सख्त कार्यवाही करने हेतु सरकार क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही हैं या विचार करेगी ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) जी,हां (ख) राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद की कार्यप्रणाली में कोई कमियां प्रत्याशित नहीं है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

इलाहाबाद में केन्द्रीय आयुक्त डिपो का स्थानांतरण/बंद करना

800. **श्री चुन्नी लाल चौधरी**: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार इलाहाबाद के केन्द्रीय आयुध डिपो (सी.ओ.डी.) को वहां से हटाकर कहीं ओर ले जाने अथवा बन्द करने के सम्बन्ध में विचार कर रही हैं;और

(ख) यदि हां,तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज) (क) जी,हां ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) के मद्देनज़र प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Financing commercial vehicles and other assets to ex-servicemen

801. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorandum of understanding has been signed between Director General, Resettlement, Ministry of Defence, and Tata Finance Ltd., for extending schemes for financing commercial vehicles and other assets to ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Directorate General Resettlement and the Tata Finance Limited on 12th February, 1999. According to the provisions of the MOU, Tata Finance Limited will provide finance up to a maximum of 80% of the invoice value of the commercial vehicle to the desirous ex-Servicement, widows and dependant sons of deceased Defence service personnel recommended by the Directorate General Resettlement. The company will charge interest at 1% less than the prevailing rate charged by it to its customers recommended by Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company Ltd. (TELCO) Dealers/Direct Marketing Associates (DMAS). The Company will also strive to get the participation of TELCO for training of driver/owners, and assistance in economical deployment of the vehicles. The MOU will remain in force for a period not exceeding three years.